

## City of Takoma Park Safe Roadways Committee

### Meeting Minutes

October 13, 2005

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The City of Takoma Park Safe Roadways Committee met on Thursday, September 8, 2005 in the Municipal Building, 7500 Maple Avenue, Takoma Park, Maryland.

**Members Present:** Greg Castano, Laurie Kelly, Katherine Kelly, Robert Patten, Jay Lee, Sanjay Grover, Steve Moody

**Members Absent:** Mike Goodno, Suzanna Banwell

**Staff Present:** Ilona Blanchard, Senior Planner

**Others Present:** Mark Fischer, 3Parks Bicycle Collective

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#### 1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:35.

#### 2. Approval of Minutes: vote on reading, vote on adoption

The minutes were adopted unanimously with minor amendments.

#### 3. Brief Announcements / Updates

Update on Maple Avenue – SHA is waiting for a pole to be manufactured with the specified color to install it; the concrete aprons should be installed soon. The City has hired a consultant to conduct a parking study that is reviewing parking, bicycle, and walking options for the Maple Avenue in front of the City Building.

Welcome new Committee member – Jay Lee

Transit Center/SHA improvements to Langley Park vicinity - meeting to be held October 19<sup>th</sup>.

Eastern Avenue Q: is there going to be a stop sign at Walnut? (staff addition: no)

Walkable Communities Workshops: - Laurie Kelly and Jay Lee volunteered to go to the Langley Park workshop; Greg Castano will try to go to Takoma Junction.

Carroll Avenue: Bob Patten took photos of the area and documented issues. Staff to write letter to SHA. Committee would like it to be placed on the City website.

#### 4. Action Items

Officer Elections: Greg Castano steps down as Chair effective the end of the meeting. The Committee members expressed much appreciation and recognition for the leadership and work he has provided.

Laurie Kelly is nominated to Chair and after a motion to elect her, she is elected chair with all in favor.

Bob Patten is nominated to be Vice-Chair, and after a motion, he is elected to Vice-Chair with all in favor. The election of second Vice-Chair is delayed until the next meeting.

#### Recommending projects for pedestrian safety money – Staff report on pricing:

Notes that three projects were brought up which Staff has pricing for: "Sharrows" on Maple Avenue, Bicycle Racks, and Bus Information at bus stops.

Back-in diagonal parking is being investigated by the City as part of the study on parking in the area. After the study has concluded may be a better time for the SRC to recommend to the Council that the City install the back-in diagonal parking.

Also notes that none of the education/outreach priorities are in the City Staff work plan.

Staff had provided a per item cost for the requested items. The Chair requested that staff prepare a total budget package of estimated costs for purchasing and installing the recommended items in appropriate locations for the Committee to consider and vote on at the next meeting.

Pedestrian Access to school buses and schools: An additional project was suggested – to hire a consultant to research access to school buses and schools. Laurie Kelly noted that MC has a walk to school curriculum. Before taking any action, the Committee should coordinate with the schools. While MC has provided the City a summary of a study on pedestrian access, Katherine Kelly noted that the inventory does not always include details on locations for improvements or specific recommended improvements and suggests that MC's ratings be carefully examined.

#### 5. Status Reports

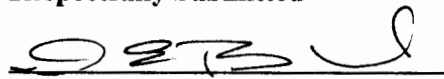
Fire Station/Takoma Junction – Greg Castano noted that it was going to be built FY 06.

Carroll Avenue – The City is applying for funding to complete the Commercial area work in next summer and should know by the end of the year if we have been awarded funding.

#### 6. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35.

Respectfully Submitted

  
Ilona Blanchard, Senior Planner

Approved

  
Greg Castano, Chair